

# Innovation Small Grants Training



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An overview of AF training modules for formulating  
Innovation Small Grant Proposals

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# Innovation small grants

Test, evaluate, roll out and scale up innovative adaptation practices, products and technologies.



## New innovations encouraged and accelerated.

Development of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies encouraged and accelerated

## Evidence base generated.

Evidence of effective, efficient adaptation practices, products and technologies generated as a basis for implementing entities and other funds to assess scaling up



# Innovation Small Grants



Experiment



Adapt



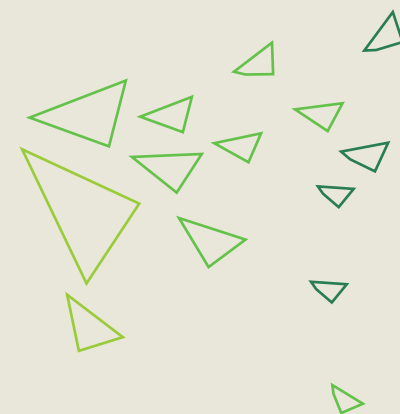
Transform





## Module 1 & Module 2

Main objectives



### Module 1:

Innovation, its definition and pathways

### Module 2:

Guidance and case studies on how to complete the innovation small grants application



## Module 1

# Aims and Objectives



### **Aim**

To learn about the Adaptations Fund's vision of innovation, and the pathway of innovation



### **Learning objectives**

Learn how to define innovation

Learn about the stages of innovation

Know how to take first steps in designing an innovation small grant proposal



# Module 1 Outline



## Section 1

Definitions of innovation

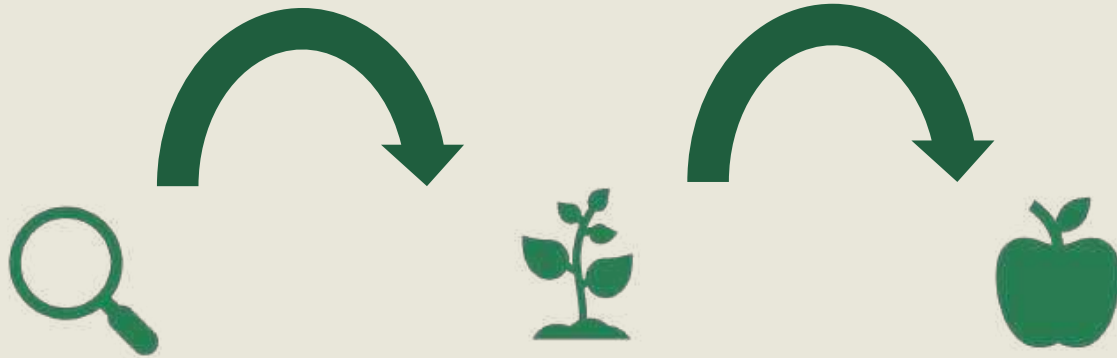


## Section 2

The innovation pathway



# What is Innovation?



Innovation is the application of physical tools, processes, knowledge and skills with the aim of building resilience and adapting to climate change

Innovation is the renewing, advancing or changing the way things are done

Innovation is the process of translating an idea or invention into a valuable good or service



# Types of innovation



## Transformational or disruptive change

- E.g. repurposing land areas and creating novel incomes



## Low tech revival

- E.g. Traditional or ingenious tools repurposed



## Application of something new to add value

- E.g bringing in an existing technology and adapting it to a new location



## Process or social developments and changes

- E.g. new policy



# Examples of innovation

## Rehabilitating cocoa farms: Ivory Coast



Rehabilitate orchards



Encouraging agroforestry and improve soil fertility



Increase livelihoods



Training on best practices

## Drones for climate adaptation: Colombia



Preserve the Amazon



Monitor the region and collect data



Activist and indigenous collaborations



Support micro-finance

## Smallholder aquaculture: Zambia



Support biodiversity



Introduce novel 'relish ponds' and build capabilities

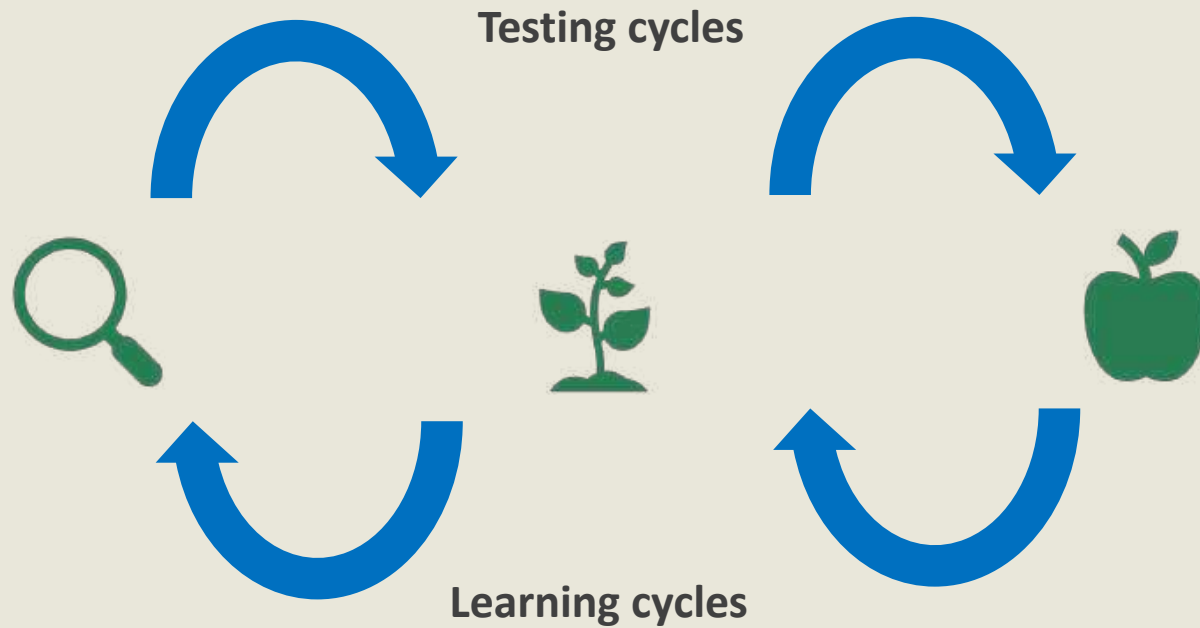


Increase livelihoods



Strengthen smallholders

# What is an innovation pathway?



Innovation is an ongoing process of scoping, testing, learning, and scaling.

Stage 1: Identify, seek, ideate

Stage 2: Test, engage, learn, adapt

Stage 3: Scale, develop, share, normalize





## Module 2

# Aims and objectives

### Aim



To learn how to complete the innovation small grant application form.



### Learning objectives

How to develop a strong application for the innovation small grants

How to approach each part of the application form



# Outline



## Section 1

Navigating the website and finding resources



## Section 2

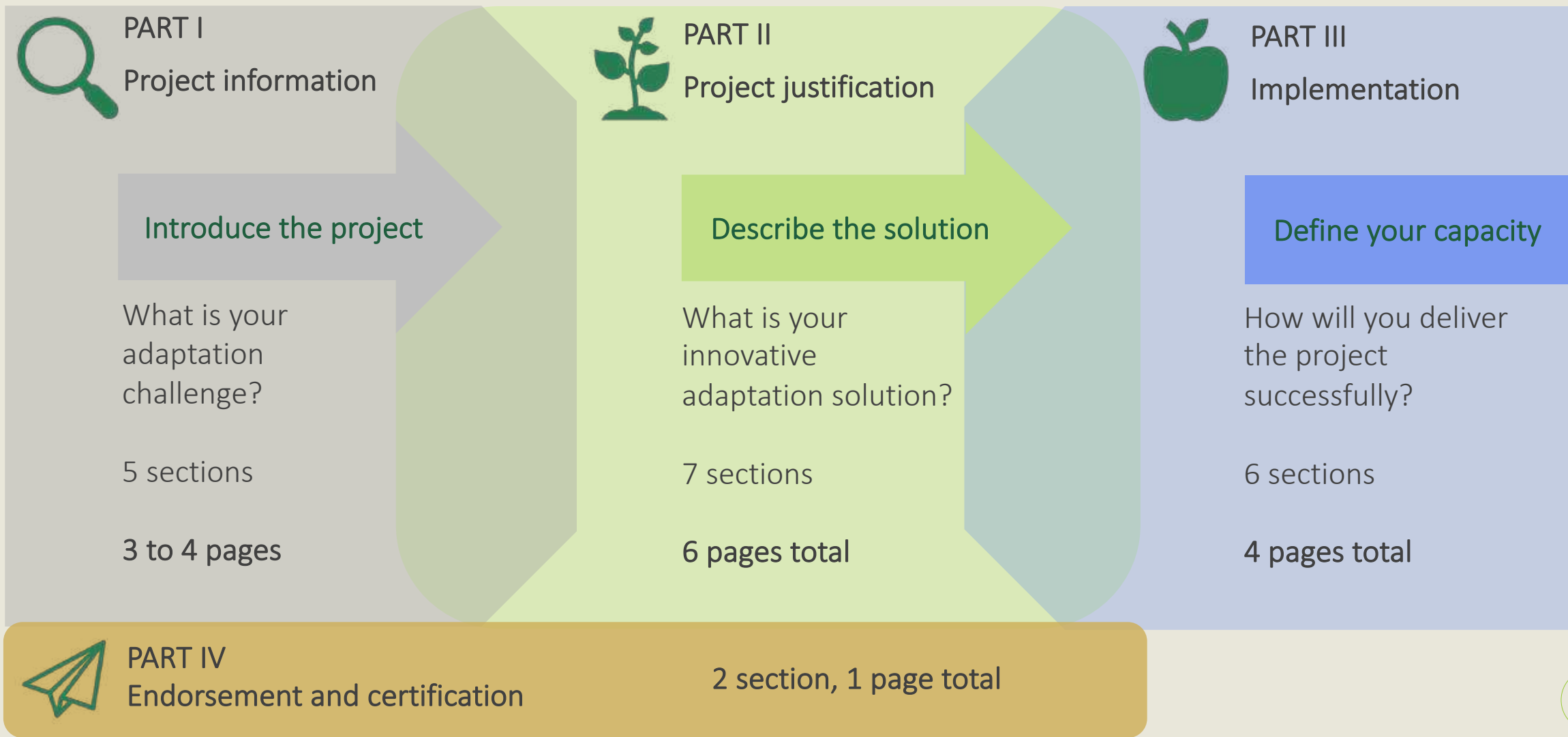
Developing a strong application



# Navigating the website



# The application form





# In detail: Part I



## PART I

### Project information

Country  
Title  
Implementing entity  
Executing entities  
Financing requested

Basic information

Project background  
and context

Describe your  
climate adaptation  
challenge

Project objectives

What will you  
achieve?

- Actions taken
- Changes delivered

Project components  
and financing

List each  
component, and its  
cost

Projected calendar

Dates: Start, end,  
evaluation

# In detail: Part II



## PART II

### Project justification

A

D

B

F

E

C

G

A  
Components

Use the list of  
components  
from PART I

For each component describe how it:  
Increases adaptation and resilience  
Decreases vulnerability

B  
Benefits

List the benefits  
of the project

Economic  
Social  
Environmental

Engagement and  
empowerment of  
vulnerable  
communities

C  
Innovation

Describe the  
the innovation  
process

Describe the innovation learning  
and potential for future scaling



# Example: Urban water points in Chile

## A Components

Adaptation to drought through water management

- Improve urban water distribution
  - Promote Innovation
- Water access, skilled community

## B Benefits

Water resilience, community livelihoods, women in markets, community learning.

## C Innovation

Competition for ideas  
Pilot studies  
Learning from novel  
water stations  
Engagement



# In detail: Part III



## PART III

### Implementation arrangements

A  
Implementation  
arrangements

Detail:

- How you deliver
- How you monitor

B  
Monitoring and  
evaluation

C  
Results  
framework

Describe:

- Your results
- AF alignment

D  
Results framework  
alignment

Detail:

- Your total budget
- How it will be spent

F  
Disbursement  
schedule

E  
Budget



# In detail: Part IV



## PART IV

Endorsement by government and certification by the Implementing Entity



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### GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT

- Name
- Position
- Ministry
- Date



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### IMPLEMENTING ENTITY CERTIFICATION

- Coordinator name and signature
- Date
- Contact person's name, telephone number and email address



**Action**

Try it for the next  
submission deadline –  
**January 2021**

Go to

✓ [www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/innovation-grants/](https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/innovation-grants/)

✓ Start the application





# Thank You



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